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## RESPONSE TO STATUS INQUIRY

This is in response to the Status Inquiry filed Aug 21, 1996, in Application No. 07/322,604, Appeal No. 94-0224. The status of the application is indicated as follows:

- ( ) A hearing may be expected in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) The application is awaiting assignment of a hearing date. No information is expected to be available as to a probable hearing date for at least six months.
- ( ) Because the hearing docket is filled to capacity, no further cases will be scheduled for hearing before \_\_\_\_\_. The usual notice of hearing will be mailed as soon as a hearing date is scheduled.

This appeal has been assigned for a decision on brief.

- (X) A decision may be expected in about six months.
- ( ) No information will be available as to a probable date of decision for at least six months.

If there are any questions regarding the status of this or any other application awaiting decision at the board, please call one of the Program and Resources Administrators at (703) 308-9797.